Funding Opportunities for Discovery Stage Research

Objective

The mission of California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is to accelerate world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world. The objective of the Discovery Program is to support exploratory research leading to the discovery of novel stem cell technologies to improve patient care.

DISC 0: Foundation Awards

The Foundation Awards Program supports rigorous studies addressing critical basic knowledge gaps in the biology of stem cells and regenerative medicine approaches and to advance stem cell-based tools. Projects funded through the Foundation Awards should propose impactful or innovative research that culminates in a discovery or technology that would advance our understanding of the biology of stem or progenitor cells (collectively, "stem cells") that is relevant to human biology and disease, or advance the application of genetic research that is relevant to human biology and disease and pertains to stem cells and regenerative medicine, or advance the development or use of human stem cells as tools for biomedical innovation, or lead to the greater applicability of regenerative medicine discoveries to communities representing the full spectrum of diversity. While CIRM intends to issue this Program Announcement for Foundation Awards to broadly re-initiate funding of basic stem cell science and genetic research, future DISC0 Program Announcements will be adjusted to align with collaborative infrastructure needs.

Please see the Program Announcement for full details:

- **DISC 0: Foundation Awards The Foundation Awards Program** [pdf] (updated 04.11.22)

DISC 0 applications for 2022 are due by 2pm on May 26 andNovember 8. Applications are closed at this time; applications will be available in the grants management portal no later than one month before the due date.

DISC 2: The Quest Awards

The Quest Awards Program promotes the discovery of promising new stem cell-based and gene therapy technologies that could be translated to enable broad use and ultimately, improve patient care. Projects funded through the Quest Awards should propose technology that is uniquely enabled by human stem/progenitor cells or directly reprogrammed cells, or uniquely enabling for the advancement of stem cell-based therapies or aimed at developing a gene therapy approach.

Please see the Program Announcement for full details:

- **DISC 2 Program Announcement - Discovery Stage Research Funding Opportunity for Quest Awards**[pdf] (updated 06.28.22)

The application is available in the Grants Management Portal(https://grants.cirm.ca.gov)**. DISC 2 applications for 2022 are due by 2pm on February 8 and August 2.**

For previous versions of the DISC 2 Program Announcement, please refer to our Previous Funding Opportunities page. Future applicants who are interested in reading reviewer feed back on previous DISC 2 applications, please refer to the review summaries below.

Quest Application Review Summaries

- DISC2, 2016 Round 1
- DISC2, 2016 Round 2
- DISC2, 2017 Round 1
- DISC2, 2017 Round 2
- DISC2, 2018
- DISC2, 2020 Special Round
- DISC2, 2021 Round 1
- DISC2, 2021 Round 2

To Submit an Application:

1. Go to the **Grants Management Portal** (https://grants.cirm.ca.gov) and log in with your existing CIRM Username and Password. If you do not have a Username, Click on the **"New User"** link and follow the instructions to create a CIRM Username and password.
2. After logging in, click on the Menu tab. Select the tab labeled " **Open Programs**". Under the section labeled " **RFAs and Programs Open for Applications**", click on the "**Start a Grant Application**" link for your selected program.
3. Complete each section of the Application by clicking on the appropriate link and following the posted instructions. Proposal templates can be located and submitted under the "**Uploads**" section.
4. To submit your Application, click on the " **Done with Application**" button. The "**Done with Application**" button will be enabled when all of the mandatory sections have been completed. Please note that once this has been selected, you will no longer be able to make changes to your Application.
5. To confirm submission of your Application, select the tab labeled " **Your Applications**" and check the table under the section labeled "**Your Submitted Applications**". You will see your Application number and project title listed once the submission process has been completed.

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